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If it be a fact, as stated, that eleven Republican members of the Ohio legislature announce themselves as anti-Hanna the redoubtable Marc will have to transfer his grip from Washington to Columbus in short order.

The South Carolina convicts raised 1,500 bales of cotton this year. Of this 1,300 bales grew on 1,400 acres, which is much better than the average farmer does. Superintendent Neal says next year he will grow a bale to the acre, and this will give the Cotton States two model farms.

For the first time in about six years, it is said, the membership of the House of Representatives at Washington is complete. It rarely happens that every congressional district in the country is represented at the capital. There is nearly always a break in the membership, by death or resignation.

The Senate passed a resolution to appropriate \$250,000 for the relief of American miners in the Yukon River country and the House at the same time passed a bill appropriating \$175,000 for the same purpose. Whether this may be taken as a measure of the comparative generosity of the two Houses of Congress or not, is "further along."

State Treasurer Collins, or some one else, stole, oh, beg pardon, embezzled \$65,000 from the State of Florida, and now a jury says he is not guilty. Well, such may be the case, but when the tax payers of the state have to make it good, they will miss it. If a poor man get one dollar that doesn't belong to him, he has stole it, but if some other man gets \$50,000 it is embezzlement, and is called a gentleman for it. But such is life.

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Now is the time for the Florida boy to chop wood and perform other sundry chores that Presidents-to-be performed in the past, for Florida's day is not far off, and Florida Timber ought to be growing up strong and sturdy to fill the bill.—Times-Union and Citizen.

## HEALTHY JOURNALISM.

Charles Emory Smith, Editor of the Philadelphia Press, in speaking of the "yellow journalism" of the present day, said:

"While the appearance of these meteors in the newspaper sky has influenced the fixed stars of the journalistic firmament to some extent, it has not seriously deflected them from their regular orbits. A striking proof of the generally healthy and wholesome character of journalism was given a year or two ago when in one or two quarters there was a manifest tendency towards the indecent in story and the meretricious in art as pander to a diseased and debased taste. It aroused a prompt and general storm of protest before which it covered and skulked away. The purification of the atmosphere was quick and exhilarating; the grotesque remains, but the salacious has disappeared.

Compared with European journals our American papers are clean and decent. We do not think of printing the gross court reports which the English papers give in all their revolting details. If American journalism turns the electric light of publicity on vice and crime, it does it for public protection and in the cause of law and morals. It neither shields nor encourages wrong-doing; even when it goes out of its way to flaunt vice it pays the homage of doing it in the name of morality; it dare not scoff at purity or apologize for offenses; and in upholding the law and exposing moral obliquity, it stands as a bulwark to public virtue.

## WILL HE HEED HANNA.

It is unfortunate for President McKinley that the country believes that Mark Hanna has more influence with him than any other public man can exert; it is unfortunate for the country if this general belief is true. An administration run in accordance with Hanna's views and principles would be a calamity and a disgrace to the country. And yet, if we may believe half of what comes to us from Washington, Hanna is endeavoring to pervert and degrade the administration of President McKinley to the low level of his own conception in which the chief executive should use his power. It is said that Hanna is very much provoked at the suggestion that the president should appoint some one other than Judson Lyons as postmaster at Augusta, and that he will insist both upon the appointment Lyons and the appointment of another negro, Devauq, as collector at Savannah.

A few days ago a man, a negro, who has done infinitely more for his race in the south than Hanna ever has done or ever can, Booker Washington, cautioned President McKinley against forcing upon the south negro appointees to Federal offices. Booker Washington has the good sense to perceive and the courage to declare that such a policy inflames race prejudice, tends to disturb the friendly relations between whites and blacks in the south and is injurious to the real progress and development of the negro race in this section. Booker Washington speaks like a statesman and a true friend of his people; Hanna's advice is that of the machine politician who believes that the negro vote of the south can be made more serviceable to the Republican party by the elevation of negroes to high Federal office in this section.

This shows that he understands neither the whites nor the negroes of the south.

President McKinley could do nothing which would more perfectly consolidate the white men of the south, regardless of all past differences, in the Democratic party, than to pursue Hanna's policy; he could do nothing which would tend more to create bad feeling between the races which have been coming constantly to a better understanding and to a more cordial regard for each other.

Mr. Hanna is mistaken if he believes that the appointment of a few negro politicians will refresh and intensify the enthusiasm of the masses of the negroes for the Republican party.

The same set of negroes always receive official favors from the Republican party, and the average negro is growing tired of doing the bulk of the voting for the benefit of somebody else.

Viewed even from the standpoint of party experience, Hanna's advice is bad; consider in its bearings upon the races in the south, it is vicious and fraught with danger.

We hope President McKinley will have the courage, the statesmanship and the patriotism to reject the mischievous efforts of Mark Hanna to control his policy as to appointments in the south.—Atlanta Journal.

## NOT CURIOUS.

The New York Commercial Advertiser says: "It is curious that South Carolina has returned to a property qualification for voting." It is not so curious as the Commercial Advertiser seems to think, when the actual condition of affairs in that state is understood. The educational and property qualifications for voting were adopted in South Carolina in order to get rid of the great majority of the black voters. In that state fully half of the population is black, and the ignorant black voters were a constant menace to good government. If they and their white allies should get control of the state, or of any county, ruin would follow their rule. If the majority of them had the right to vote there would be vastly more corruption in the politics of the state than there

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is, because the contending white factions would become the purchasers of their votes. That is the condition of affairs in nearly all the cities of Georgia at the present time. At the municipal elections held recently in Augusta, Brunswick and other cities, the black voters were bought freely. It would be the condition in the state elections if the populist party were strong enough to put the result in doubt, South Carolina could not afford to have such a large purchasable vote, and therefore by a constitutional provision she practically eliminated it.

Mississippi has followed the example of South Carolina, and the ignorant black citizen in that state doesn't reach the ballot box. He is stopped on his way there by the registration officer. Louisiana has called a constitutional convention, and it is about certain that she will adopt the educational and property qualifications for voting. She has had all the experience with the ignorant black voter she intends to have, and her new constitution will practically eliminate him from her political affairs. He has kept her people from dividing upon political questions and has done her great harm in other ways.

It would not be surprising if other southern states should follow South Carolina, Mississippi and Louisiana in getting rid of the ignorant black voter. It is quite certain that some of them will, if he continues to be a corrupt and disturbing factor in their political affairs. The republican party made a great mistake when it gave the negro the ballot before he was ready for it. That mistake is being slowly corrected.—Savannah News.

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The fight against Jerry Simpson, she says, will prevent his renomination, and it is her hope to eventually secure a majority of the votes in the convention.

Mrs. Lease expects to be opposed by the Democrats, but she says if nominated she will hold meetings in every precinct in district, and "give the people of the Seventh a repetition of the campaign of 1890, when we first elected Jerry."

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